



Association for Education and Rehabilitation
of the Blind and Visually Impaired
ALABAMA CHAPTER



39TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

“The Journey makes us One.”

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

8:00 - 12:00	Exhibit Setup	Magnolia
10:00 - 12:00	Board Meeting	Pine
12:00	Registration Begins	Riverside
12:00 - 1:00	Exhibits Open	Magnolia
1:00 - 1:50	Opening Ceremony	Riverside
	<i>President’s Welcome</i>	Dr. Yevette Pearce
	<i>Invocation</i>	
	<i>Presentation of Colors</i>	
	<i>National Anthem</i>	
	<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	
	<i>Welcome to Eufaula</i>	City Representative
	<i>Conference Preview</i>	Dr. Yevette Pearce
	<i>Sponsors & Exhibitors</i>	Dr. Yevette Pearce
1:50 - 2:00	Break / Exhibits Open	Magnolia

2:00 - 3:00 *General Session I* Riverside

Keynote Address

Leadership & Sustainability: What You Can Do About It

Introduction Mr. Joe Helm
Presenter **Dr. Jack Hawkins**
Chancellor, Troy State University

3:00 - 3:20 **Break / Exhibits Open** **Magnolia**

3:20 - 4:20 *General Session II* Riverside

Ethics in Education & Rehabilitation: Standing in the Gap

Introduction Mr. Joe Helm
Presenter **Dr. Laura Bowden Carpenter**
Professor Emerita, Special Education

4:20 - 4:30 **Break / Exhibits Open** **Magnolia**

4:30 - 5:30 *General Session III* Riverside

Conference Exhibitors - Products and Services

Introduction Dr. Steve Sullivan
Presenters **Exhibit Representatives**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022

7:00 - 8:30 **Breakfast (AER)** Riverside

8:00 - 8:30 **Exhibits Open** **Magnolia**

8:30 - 9:30 *General Session IV* Riverside

Ride and Thrive: AIDB, A Partner for Life

Introduction Dr. Steve Sullivan
Presenter **Mr. Isaac Beavers**
AIDB, Director of Field Services

9:30 - 9:40 **Break / Exhibits Open** **Magnolia**

9:40 - 10:40 ***General Session V*** **Riverside**

The State of Tech: Trends, Issues, and Advancements

Introduction Dr. Steve Sullivan
Presenter **Mr. Jason Martin, M.A. Ed., CTVI, CATIS**
Assistive Technology Trainer, Center for Assistive Technology Training

10:40 - 11:00 **Break / Exhibits Open** **Magnolia**

11:00 - 12:00 **General Session VI** **Riverside**

AER International: Strategy and Vision

Introduction Dr. Steve Sullivan
Presenter **Mr. Lee Sonnenberg**
President, AER International

12:05 - 1:05 ***President's Awards Luncheon*** **TBA**

1:10 - 2:10 ***General Session VII*** **Riverside**

MacGyver it: Make and Take Assistive Technology

Introduction Dr. Steve Sullivan
Session Leader **Mr. Michael Papp**
ADRS - Program Manager, Rehab Engineering and Assistive Technology Services

2:10 - 2:20 **Break / Exhibits Open** **Magnolia**

2:20 - 3:20 **General Session VIII** **Riverside**

Expanded Core Curriculum: Stepping Back So Students Can Step Forward

Introduction Mr. Donte Little
Presenters **Ms. Jessica Chapa, M.Ed.**
ASB, Director of Short Term Programs
Mr. Brandon Rogers, M.Ed.
ASB, Academic Director

3:20 - 3:40	Break / Exhibits Open	Magnolia
3:40 - 4:10	<i>General Session IX</i>	Riverside

Upcoming Events, Projects, and Announcements

Presenter: **Dr. Steve Sullivan**
Alabama AER, President Elect

4:10 - 4:15	SHORT BREAK	
4:15 - 5:00	Division Meetings	TBA
6:00 - Until	<i>President's Reception</i>	Ballroom

BB/Q Dinner and entertainment - DJ, Karaoke, and Open Mic.
Featuring - Mr. Jeff Strickland, Music Man Productions

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022

7:00 - 8:15	Breakfast (AER) Exhibits Open	Restaurant Magnolia
8:30 - 9:30	<i>General Session X</i>	Riverside

Unbridled and Blind: A Recipe for Achievement

Introduction **Dr. Steve Sullivan**
 Presenter **Mr. Dezman Jackson**
Accessibility Annalist, McDonald's Corp.

9:30 - 9:40	Break / Exhibits Open	Magnolia
9:40 - 10:40	<i>General Session XI</i>	Riverside

A Story Worth Telling

Introduction **Mr. Joe Helm**
 Presenter **Mr. Jody Fuller**
Comic, Speaker, Soldier

10:40 - 11:00 **Break / Hotel Checkout**

11:00 - 12:00 **Alabama AER Business Meeting** **Riverside**

Call to Order

Dr. Yevette Pearce

AER Chapter Report

Dr. Yevette Pearce

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Joe Helm

International Report

Dr. Steve Sullivan

Division Reports -

Business Enterprise Program

Orientation and Mobility Specialists

Rehabilitation Counselors

Teachers of the Visually Impaired

Vision Rehabilitation Therapists

ADRS Update

COMM. Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw

Commissioner, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

AIDB Update

Dr. John Mascia

President, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

12:00 Recognition of outgoing Board Members / Officers

Dr. Yevette Pearce

Recognition of new Board Members / Officers

Dr. Yevette Pearce

12:30 ***Adjourn***